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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	-	Independent Claims	=	Extra Claims	X	Fee from below	=	Fee Paid

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	135	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month	
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117	890	217	445	Extension for response within third month	
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128	1,890	228	945	Extension for response within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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CROSS REFERENCED TO RELATED APPLICATIONS UNDER 37 CFR §1.78(a)(2)

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Applicants, in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 and 37 CFR §1.78(a)(2), hereby disclose and cross-reference to the following related patent applications all of which are assigned or under an obligation to assign to the same assignee as the above referenced patent application.

U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and apparatus for optical to Electrical to Optical conversion in an Optical Cross-Connect Switch by Ramaswami, et al., U.S. Application No.

09/704,439, filed November 01, 2000, attorney docket reference no. 003239.P081.

U.S. Patent Application entitled Optical Cross-Connect Switching System with Bridging, Test Access and Redundancy by Ramaswami, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/704,444, filed November 01, 2000, attorney docket reference no. 003239.P082.

U.S. Patent Application entitled 1+1 Fault Protection in a Network of Optical Cross-Connect Switching Systems by Ramaswami, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/704,446, filed November 01, 2001, attorney docket reference no. 003239.P083.

U.S. Patent Application entitled Method and Apparatus for Signaling Between an Optical Cross-Connect Switch and Attached Network Equipment by Rajiv Ramaswami, U.S. Application No. 09/704,445, filed November 01, 2000, attorney docket reference no. 003239.P084.

U.S. Patent Application entitled Optical Cross-Connect Switching System by Ramaswami, et al., U.S. Application No. 09/704,457, filed November 01, 2000, attorney docket reference no. 003239.P086.

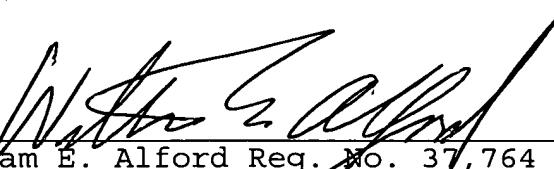
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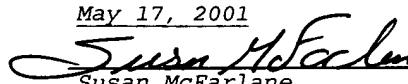
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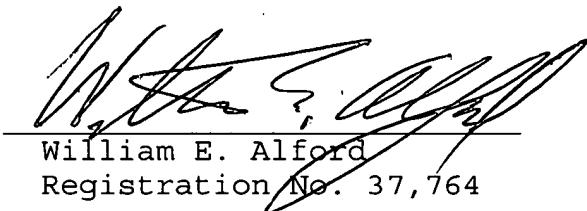
Applicant herewith has provided photocopied pages 152-161 and chapter 10 (pages 423-462) of the book entitled "Optical

Networks A Practical Perspective" written by Rajiv Ramaswami, an inventor, and Kumar N. Sivarajan, copyright 1998. The entire book was provided for the USPTO office's use and reference in an information disclosure statement filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/704,439.

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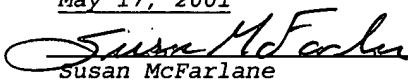
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